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Attorney Docket Number	1888-174
First Named Inventor	Armer J. Willenbring
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Application Number	/
Filing Date	February 6, 2001
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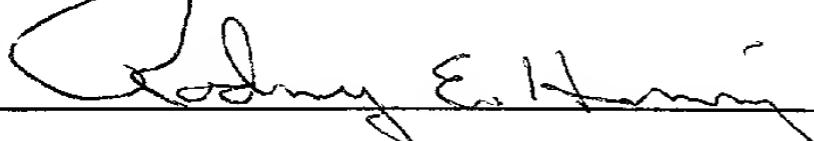
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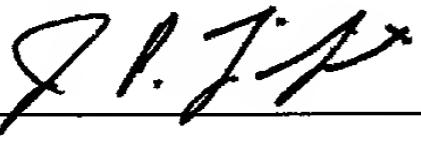
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